



388TH FIGHTER WING NEWS



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Thanksgiving Feast



The annual 388th and 419th Fighter Wings will host the Thanksgiving Feast from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 23 in Hangar 37. Bring your family and a big appetite! You're welcome to serve if you like, and entertainment will be provided for children. Please contact SMSgt Tracy Rau with any questions tracy.rau@hill.af.mil or (801) 777-5176.

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HCC Change of Command



A change of command ceremony will be held for the three departing honorary commanders on Nov. 30. The evening will commence with a social at 6 p.m. with dinner and a ceremony to follow. Please contact Julie Schmid at 388FW.CCP@hill.af.mil or (801) 777-3881 to RSVP.

Nov.
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Wolf Creek Volunteers



The next Wolf Creek retreat for families facing deployment is Dec. 2-4. Volunteers are welcome to serve meals on Friday, three meals Saturday or breakfast and lunch on Sunday. If you're interested in helping, please contact Sue Munson at (801) 781-4131.

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Falcon Air Meet 2011

The 4th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron recently competed with Jordanian and Turkish air forces in the Falcon Air Meet at Shaheed Mwaffaq Air Base in Jordan.

During the competition, the 4th FS won the Top First Run Attack Award and the Top Overall Award.

"We're extremely proud of our Airmen of the 4th FS for this big achievement, and it just goes to show how fully prepared we are to bring airpower anytime, anywhere," said Col. Scott Long, 388th FW commander.

The multi-national exercise and operational activity is designed to enhance regional partnerships and interoperability and demonstrate the U.S. commitment to regional security and stability. It also brings men and women from various countries together to share their different cultures, reinforce standards, and build relationships, trust and respect.

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388th FW visits residents near UTTR

Residents of two small, outlying communities, who dwell under the Utah Test and Training Range, had an opportunity to talk and visit with range members Oct. 18.

The 388th Range Squadron sponsored the annual community outreach tour to explain their mission to the residents of Callao, Utah, and Ely, Nev.

Col. David Reth, 388th Fighter Wing Range Squadron commander, led this annual outreach tour and F-16 pilot Capt. Tom Werner explained in detail the "day in the life of a pilot," which begins with the mission preparation to the tactical execution and concludes with the closeout brief where lessons learned and what to do better next time is fully examined.

"Some may have a misunderstanding that pilots just hop in the jet and fly," Werner said. "Now as you can see, it's hours of preparation followed by hours spent ensuring we don't make the same mistake twice," he said.

Be In the Know!

2011 Cookie Drive: 6:30-9:30 a.m. on Dec. 8 at AFRC. Contact Stacey Hickman (dsshickman@yahoo.com), Jill Bergovoy (jillkraig@hbhome.org), Millie Grindstaff (mgstaff@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

388 FW Children's Holiday Party: 10 a.m.-Noon on Dec. 10 in Hangar 37 there will be milk and cookies with loads of fun activities! Contact Cheryl Costello for details (801) 820-5553.

Belle of the Ball: A free dress loan program open to anyone at Hill AFB. Contact Angie Reth for details (662) 729-4565.

Key Events at a Glance

Supported F-22 Flight Plan

Members of our wing supported the F-22 fleet's return-to-flight program by providing realistic threat replication and practicing mission execution at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Hosted a special visit from ACC POLAD

Dr. Albert 'Bull' Mitchum, political advisor to the commander of Air Combat Command, delivered an international affairs update Nov. 1 on regional hotspots and global trends at two different sessions at Hill followed by a third with civic leaders and wing leadership.

Vice wing commanders addressed local organization

Col. Rick LeBlanc, 388th FW vice commander, and Col. Pat Wade, 419th FW vice commander, addressed the Ogden Exchange Club Nov. 8 and presented a joint wing overview and highlighted recent successes.

Held unique event for our heroes

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Batzer, 388th FW command chief, hosted an 'Honoring Our Heroes' event Nov. 7 for Hill Airmen. Thad Forester, brother of Senior Airman Mark Forester, highlighted his brother's sacrifice.

388 AMXS CC presented at women empowered event

Maj. Abigail Ruscetta, 388th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, spoke to two different breakout session groups Oct. 25 at the Ogden Weber Chamber's annual Women Empowered conference.

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